

**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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For: BATTERY ELECTRODE, PRODUCTION METHOD  
THEREOF, AND BATTERY

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 24, 2002

Sir:

Prior to initial examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments without prejudice.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

<sup>NE</sup>  
Please replace the first paragraph on page 3 with the following paragraph:

--The vapor-phase growth carbon fibers used to make the electrode of the present invention may be obtained as follows. A raw material is a hydrocarbon compound selected from aromatic hydrocarbons such as toluene, benzene, and naphthalene; and aliphatic hydrocarbons such as propane, ethane, and ethylene. A preferable raw material is benzene or naphthalene. The raw material is first gasified, and is introduced with a carrier gas for example of hydrogen, carbon dioxide, or carbon